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Sir:

This is a national phase filing of International Application No. PCT/EP02/02152, filed February 28, 2002.

In accordance with the duty of disclosure as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant submits information in conformance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98.

Copies of the International Search Report dated November 4, 2002, and the International Preliminary Examination Report dated May 11, 2004 are submitted herewith. Applicants also provide copies of the eight (8) publications cited in the International Search Report.

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The examination and allowance of the Application are respectfully requested.

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